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**PICK 3 PAYOFFS CHANGE IN CALIFORNIA**

SACRAMENTO, CA – A change in the way scratched horses are dealt with in payoffs for the Pick 3 will go into effect at all California racetracks on Wednesday.

When a horse is scratched after the wagering pools have opened for a particular race, the race favorite in that race no longer will be automatically substituted for the scratched horse. Instead, bettors will either receive a refund or their tickets will be placed in a separate consolation pool, depending on when the scratch occurs. There could be many consolation pools depending on the number of scratches.

Any scratch in any leg of the Pick 3 that occurs before the first leg is run will result in a refund of all wagers involving the scratched horse. When there are scratches in later legs after the first leg has been run, a wager with a scratch in the second leg will create a consolation pool. A wager with a scratch in the third leg will create another consolation pool. And any wager with scratches in both the second and third legs will create yet another consolation pool.

A consolation pool is the sum of all wagers that include the scratched horse or horses. The winning combination for the consolation pool is a wager with the winner or winners of the other legs.

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